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Since the sixth emergency special session, resolutions and decisions have been identified by the letters "ES" and an arabic numeral indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution ES-6/1, decision ES-6/11).

In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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The present volume contains the decisions adopted by the General Assembly from 12 September to 24 December 2001. Resolutions adopted by the Assembly during that period appear in volume I, together with information on the allocation of agenda items. Resolutions and decisions adopted subsequently during the fifty-sixth session will be published in volume III.

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

56/301. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-sixth session consisting of the following Member States: CHINA, DENMARK, JAMAICA, LESOTHO, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

56/302. Election of the President of the General Assembly[1]

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Mr. Han Seung-soo (Republic of Korea) as President of the General Assembly.

56/303. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees[1]

On 13 September 2001, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2001, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected as Chairmen of the Main Committees:

First Committee:	Mr. André ERDÖS (Hungary)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. HASMY Agam (Malaysia)
Second Committee:	Mr. Francisco SEIXAS DA COSTA (Portugal)
Third Committee:	Mr. Fuad Mubarak AL-HINAI (Oman)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Nana EFFAH-APENTENG (Ghana)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Pierre LELONG (Haiti)

56/304. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly[1]

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected the representatives of the following twenty-one Member States as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: CAMBODIA, CHINA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GREECE, GUATEMALA, KYRGYZSTAN, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MALTA, MAURITANIA, NEPAL, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAUDI ARABIA, SIERRA LEONE, SOUTH AFRICA, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

56/305. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 23rd plenary meeting, on 8 October 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected BULGARIA, CAMEROON, GUINEA, MEXICO and the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on

[1] In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

1 January 2002 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BANGLADESH, JAMAICA, MALI, TUNISIA and UKRAINE.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: BULGARIA,** CAMEROON,** CHINA, COLOMBIA,* FRANCE, GUINEA,** IRELAND,* MAURITIUS,* MEXICO,** NORWAY,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SINGAPORE,* SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

56/306. Election of a member of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly, at its 24th plenary meeting, on 12 October 2001, and the Security Council, at its 4389th meeting, on the same date, proceeded independently of one another to elect, in accordance with Articles 2 to 4, 7 to 12 and 14 and 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, rules 150 and 151 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and rules 40 and 61 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council, one member of the Court for the unexpired term of office of Judge and former President Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria) whose resignation took effect on 30 September 2001. Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) was elected as a member of the Court for a term of office commencing on 12 October 2001 and ending on 5 February 2006.

As a result, the International Court of Justice is composed as follows: Mr. Gilbert GUILLAUME (*France*),*** President; Mr. SHI Jiuyong (*China*),* Vice-President; Mr. Awn Shawkat AL-KHASAWNEH (*Jordan*),*** Mr. Thomas BUERGENTHAL (*United States of America*),** Mr. Nabil ELARABY (*Egypt*),** Mr. Carl-August FLEISCHHAUER (*Germany*),* Mr. Geza HERCZEGH (*Hungary*),* Ms. Rosalyn HIGGINS (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),*** Mr. Pieter H. KOOIJMANS (*Netherlands*),** Mr. Abdul G. KOROMA (*Sierra Leone*),* Mr. Shigeru ODA (*Japan*),* Mr. Gonzalo PARRA-ARANGUREN (*Venezuela*),*** Mr. Raymond RANJEVA (*Madagascar*),*** Mr. Francisco REZEK (*Brazil*)** and Mr. Vladlen S. VERESHCHETIN (*Russian Federation*).**

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* Term of office expires on 5 February 2003.

** Term of office expires on 5 February 2006.

*** Term of office expires on 5 February 2009.

56/307. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 22 October 2001, the General Assembly, pursuant to its decision 43/406 of 24 October 1988, elected ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, CANADA, CHAD, CHINA, the CONGO, CUBA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KENYA, MYANMAR, NAMIBIA, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the SUDAN, SWITZERLAND, the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, ZAMBIA and ZIMBABWE as members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CANADA, CHINA, the COMOROS, CUBA, FRANCE, GERMANY, HUNGARY, INDONESIA, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KAZAKHSTAN, MALAWI, NIGERIA, NORWAY, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the SUDAN, the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA and ZIMBABWE.

As a result, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme is composed of the following fifty-eight members: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA,** ARGENTINA,** BAHAMAS,* BELGIUM,** BENIN,* BRAZIL,* BURKINA FASO,* CANADA,** CHAD,** CHINA,** COLOMBIA,* CONGO,** CUBA,** CZECH REPUBLIC,** DENMARK,* EGYPT,* EQUATORIAL GUINEA,* FRANCE,** GAMBIA,* GERMANY,** GREECE,** INDIA,* INDONESIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* ITALY,* JAPAN,** KENYA,** LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA,* MARSHALL ISLANDS,* MEXICO,* MYANMAR,** NAMIBIA,** NETHERLANDS,* NEW ZEALAND,* NICARAGUA,** NIGERIA,** PAKISTAN,* POLAND,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,* ROMANIA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SAMOA,* SAUDI ARABIA,* SENEGAL,* SLOVAKIA,* SUDAN,** SURINAME,* SWITZERLAND,** SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,** THAILAND,* TURKEY,* UGANDA,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** URUGUAY,** ZAMBIA** and ZIMBABWE.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

56/308. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 22 October 2001, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[2] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected CHINA, ETHIOPIA, JAPAN, NIGERIA, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TUNISIA and URUGUAY as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BENIN, CHINA, the COMOROS, EGYPT, JAPAN, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA and URUGUAY.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-four Member States: ARGENTINA,* BAHAMAS,** BANGLADESH,* BOTSWANA,** BRAZIL,* CAMEROON,* CHINA,*** CUBA,* ETHIOPIA,*** FRANCE,** GABON,* GERMANY,* INDONESIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* ITALY,* JAPAN,*** MAURITANIA,* MEXICO,** NIGERIA,*** PAKISTAN,* PERU,* POLAND,* PORTUGAL,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,*** REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SAN MARINO,* UKRAINE,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,** TUNISIA,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** URUGUAY*** and ZIMBABWE.*

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*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

56/309. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 22 October 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of AUSTRIA, ETHIOPIA, JAMAICA, JORDAN, NEPAL, TUNISIA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA, NEPAL and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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[2] See Economic and Social Council decision 2001/201 B; see also A/56/399.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ARGENTINA,** AUSTRIA,*** BENIN,** CHILE,* EQUATORIAL GUINEA,* ETHIOPIA,*** FINLAND,** FRANCE,* JAMAICA,*** JORDAN,*** JAPAN,* KYRGYZSTAN,** LITHUANIA,** NAMIBIA,* NEPAL,*** PERU,** PHILIPPINES,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SIERRA LEONE,** TUNISIA*** and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.***

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*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

56/310. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 26 October 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected SPAIN as a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining term of office of PORTUGAL,[3] beginning on 1 January 2002.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected AUSTRALIA, BHUTAN, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, EL SALVADOR, FINLAND, GHANA, GUATEMALA, HUNGARY, INDIA, the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, QATAR, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SWEDEN, UKRAINE, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and ZIMBABWE as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BOLIVIA, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, GUINEA-BISSAU, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, MOROCCO, NORWAY, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, RWANDA, SAUDI ARABIA, the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and VENEZUELA.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ANDORRA,** ANGOLA,* ARGENTINA,** AUSTRALIA,*** AUSTRIA,* BAHRAIN,* BENIN,* BHUTAN,*** BRAZIL,** BURUNDI,*** BURKINA FASO,* CAMEROON,* CHILE,*** CHINA,*** COSTA RICA,* CROATIA,* CUBA,* EL SALVADOR,*** EGYPT,** ETHIOPIA,** FIJI,* FINLAND,*** FRANCE,* GEORGIA,** GERMANY,* GHANA,*** GUATEMALA,*** HUNGARY,*** INDIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),** ITALY,** JAPAN,* LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA,*** MALTA,* MEXICO,* NEPAL,** NETHERLANDS,** NIGERIA,** PAKISTAN,** PERU,** PORTUGAL,* QATAR,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** ROMANIA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SOUTH AFRICA,** SUDAN,* SURINAME,* SWEDEN,*** UGANDA,** UKRAINE,*** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** and ZIMBABWE.***

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56/311. Election of the members of the International Law Commission

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 7 November 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with its resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947 and the provisions of the statute of the International Law Commission annexed to that resolution, as amended by Assembly resolutions 1103 (XI) of 18 December 1956, 1647 (XVI) of 6 November 1961 and 36/39 of 18 November

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[3] See A/56/467.

1981, elected the following thirty-four persons as members of the Commission for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002:[4]

Mr. Emmanuel Akwei ADDO (Ghana)
Mr. Husain AL-BAHARNA (Bahrain)
Mr. Ali Mohsen Fetais AL-MARRI (Qatar)
Mr. João Clemente BAENA SOARES (Brazil)
Mr. Ian BROWNLIE (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Enrique J. A. CANDIOTI (Argentina)
Mr. Choung IL CHEE (Republic of Korea)
Mr. Pedro COMISSARIO AFONSO (Mozambique)
Mr. Riad DAOUDI (Syrian Arab Republic)
Mr. Christopher John DUGARD (South Africa)
Ms. Paula ESCARAMEIA (Portugal)
Mr. Salifou FOMBA (Mali)
Mr. Giorgio GAJA (Italy)
Mr. Zdzislaw GALICKI (Poland)
Ms. XUE Hanqin (China)
Mr. Adegoke Ajibola IGE (Nigeria)
Mr. Maurice KAMTO (Cameroon)
Mr. James L. KATEKA (United Republic of Tanzania)
Mr. Fathi KEMICHA (Tunisia)
Mr. Martti KOSKENNIEMI (Finland)
Mr. Valery I. KUZNETSOV (Russian Federation)
Mr. William MANSFIELD (New Zealand)
Mr. Djamchid MOMTAZ (Iran, Islamic Republic of)
Mr. Bernd H. NIEHAUS (Costa Rica)
Mr. Didier OPERTTI BADAN (Uruguay)
Mr. Guillaume PAMBOU-TCHIVOUNDA (Gabon)
Mr. Alain PELLET (France)
Mr. Pemmaraju Sreenivasa RAO (India)
Mr. Victor RODRIGUEZ-CEDEÑO (Venezuela)
Mr. Robert ROSENSTOCK (United States of America)
Mr. Bernardo SEPULVEDA (Mexico)
Mr. Bruno SIMMA (Germany)
Mr. Peter TOMKA (Slovakia)
Mr. Chusei YAMADA (Japan)

56/312. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 21 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[5] elected Mr. Klaus TÖPFER (*Germany*) as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a further four-year term of office beginning on 1 February 2002.

56/313. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[6] appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office

[4] See A/56/117 and Corr.1 and Add.1–3, A/56/124 and Add.1 and A/56/486 and Corr.1.

[5] A/56/516, para. 3.

[6] A/56/625, para. 6.

beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Michiel W. H. Crom, Ms. Nazareth A. Incera, Mr. Rajat Saha, Ms. Sun Minqin, Mr. Juichi Takahara and Mr. Nicholas A. Thorne.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej T. ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),** Mr. Manlan Narcisse AHOUNOU (*Côte d'Ivoire*),** Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*),*, Mr. Michiel W. H. CROM (*Netherlands*),*** Ms. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (*Cuba*),* Ms. Nazareth A. INCERA (*Costa Rica*),*** Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Felipe MABILANGAN (*Philippines*),** Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),** Ms. Susan M. MCLURG (*United States of America*),* Mr. C.S.M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),** Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),*** Ms. SUN Minqin (*China*),*** Mr. Juichi TAKAHARA (*Japan*),*** Mr. Roger TCHOUNGUI (*Cameroon*),* Mr. Nicholas A. THORNE (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).***

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** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

56/314. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Henry S. Fox, Mr. Bernardo Greiver, Mr. Hassan Mohammed Hassan, Mr. Eduardo Iglesias, Mr. Omar Kadiri and Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (*Romania*),** Mr. Henry S. FOX (*Australia*),*** Mr. Chinmaya GHAREKHAN (*India*),** Mr. Bernardo GRIEVER (*Uruguay*),*** Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR NETTO (*Brazil*),* Mr. Hassan Mohammed HASSAN (*Nigeria*),*** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),** Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),*** Mr. Omar KADIRI (*Morocco*),*** Mr. Gebhard Benjamin KANDANGA (*Namibia*),** Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),** Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Angel MARRÓN (*Spain*),* Mr. Hae-yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*),* Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (*Portugal*),*** Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),* Mr. Kazuo WATANABE (*Japan*)** and Mr. WU Gang (*China*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

56/315. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors[8]

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the PHILIPPINES as a member of the Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2002.

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[7] A/56/626, para. 5.

[8] See A/56/103 for the new duration of the term of office of the Board of Auditors.

[9] A/56/627, para. 5.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: First President of the Court of Accounts of FRANCE,* Auditor-General of SOUTH AFRICA** and Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the PHILIPPINES.***

* Term of office expires on 30 June 2004.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2006.

*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2008.

56/316. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Emmanuel Noi Omaboe, Mr. Yves Oltramare and Mr. Jürgen Reimnitz.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Ahmad ABDULLATIF (*Saudi Arabia*),** Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),* Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),** Mr. Takeshi OHTA (*Japan*),* Mr. Yves OLTRAMARE (*Switzerland*),*** Mr. Emmanuel Noi OMABOE (*Ghana*),*** Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*),** Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)*** and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

56/317. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[11] appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Minoru Endo, Mr. João Augusto de Medicis, Mr. Mario Bettati, Ms. Lucretia Myers and Mr. Alexis Stephanou.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),* Chairman; Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*),* Vice-Chairman; Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),*** Mrs. Turkia DADDAH (*Mauritania*),* Mr. Minoru ENDO (*Japan*),*** Mr. Alexei L. FEDOTOV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Asda JAYANAMA (*Thailand*),** Mr. João Augusto de MEDICIS (*Brazil*),*** Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Ernest RUSITA (*Uganda*),** Mr. C. M. Shafi SAMI (*Bangladesh*),** Mr. José R. SANCHÍS MUÑOZ (*Argentina*),* Mr. Alexis STEPHANOU (*Greece*),*** Mr. Wolfgang STÖCKL (*Germany*)* and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

[10] A/56/628, para. 5.

[11] A/56/629, para. 5.

56/318. Appointment of members of the Committee on Information

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 10 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[12] appointed AZERBAIJAN and MONACO as members of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following ninety-eight Member States:[13] ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, LIBERIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MALTA, MEXICO, MONACO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIET NAM, YEMEN and ZIMBABWE.

[12] A/56/552, para. 11.

[13] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/56/21), chap. I, para. 14.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

56/400. Organization of the fifty-sixth session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone until Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 September 2001, the two-day high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership which had been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, 17 and 18 September 2001, in decision 55/479 of 31 May 2001.

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[14] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-sixth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, inasmuch as paragraphs 30 and 31 of the annex to resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997 provided that the Main Committees should hold organizational meetings before the commencement of the general debate and meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate, and taking into account the fact that the general debate would be scheduled for a later date, decided that the Main Committees should meet in substantive session as soon as possible at the fifty-sixth session.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, inasmuch as paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241 provided that the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be considered in plenary meetings of the Assembly immediately after the general debate, and taking into account the fact that the general debate would be scheduled for a later date, decided that the consideration of the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization" would begin on Monday, 24 September 2001.

56/401. Special session of the General Assembly on children

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2001, the General Assembly, recalling its resolution 55/26 of 20 November 2000 in which it had decided to convene the special session of the Assembly for follow-up to the World Summit for Children from 19 to 21 September 2001, and to refer to it as the "special session on children", decided to postpone the special session until a date to be decided by the Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

[14] A/56/250, paras. 5–52.

56/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[15] adopted the agenda[16] and the allocation of agenda items[17] for the fifty-sixth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[18] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 30 October 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[19] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session an additional item entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 9 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[20] decided to allocate agenda item 169 entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations" to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that any decision requiring amendment to the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal or relating to the establishment of a higher-level jurisdiction would be subject to the advice of the Sixth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[21] decided, with regard to agenda item 12 entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", to consider directly in plenary meeting the report of the Council as a whole, on the understanding that the Second, Third and Fifth Committees would remain seized of the chapters already referred to them for their usual consideration.

At its 56th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General

[15] Ibid., paras. 70–84.
[16] A/56/251.
[17] A/56/252.
[18] A/56/250, para. 60.
[19] A/56/250/Add.1.
[20] A/56/250/Add.2, para. 1.
[21] Ibid., para. 2.

Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[22] decided also to allocate to the Sixth Committee sub-item (*f*) of agenda item 21, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union", for the sole purpose of considering the question of the granting of observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the Assembly.

56/403. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-sixth session

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At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[23] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund and the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-sixth session.

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At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences[23] and the General Committee,[24] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, at its resumed first session, should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-sixth session.

56/404. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 11th plenary meeting, on 26 September 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[25]

56/405. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 25th plenary meeting, on 15 October 2001, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[26]

56/406. Report of the Security Council

At its 28th plenary meeting, on 16 October 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[27]

56/407. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 30 October 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[28]

56/408. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2001, the General Assembly took note of the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[29]

56/409. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2001, the General Assembly took note of the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of

[22] A/56/250/Add.3.

[23] A/56/322.

[24] A/56/250, para. 51.

[25] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/56/1).

[26] A/56/366.

[27] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 2* (A/56/2).

[28] Ibid., *Supplement No. 4* (A/56/4).

[29] See A/56/352-S/2001/865.

Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[30]

56/410. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 26 November 2001, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

56/449. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

56/450. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

56/451. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

[30] See A/56/351-S/2001/863 and Corr.1 and 2.

56/452. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

56/453. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

56/454. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session.

56/455. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly reaffirmed its decision in paragraph 7 of resolution 55/6 of 26 October 2000 to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" and decided to continue to consider the item at odd-numbered sessions, thereby correcting paragraph 11 of the annex to resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001.

56/464. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its fifty-sixth session:

Item 10: Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

Item 11: Report of the Security Council

Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Item 18: Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Item 20: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

Item 22: Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Item 23: Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

Item 24: Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects

Item 26: Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Item 29: Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Item 32: Multilingualism

Item 37: The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict

Item 40: The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 41: Question of Palestine

Item 42: The situation in the Middle East

Item 43: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 44: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 46: The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence

Item 47: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Item 49: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 50: Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 51: Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 58: United Nations reform: measures and proposals

Item 59: Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 60: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 61: Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Item 62: Question of Cyprus

Item 63: Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 89: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Item 96: Sectoral policy questions

Item 98: Environment and sustainable development

Item 102: Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic

Item 107: High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development

Item 109: Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 110: Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 112: Advancement of women

Item 117: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Item 119: Human rights questions

Item 120: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 121: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 122: Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

Item 123: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

Item 124: Pattern of conferences

Item 125: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 126: Human resources management

Item 127: United Nations common system

Item 128: Joint Inspection Unit

Item 129: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 130: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 131: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 132: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 133: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Item 137: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 139: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 142: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 143: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 144: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 145: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 146: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 147: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 148: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 149: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 150: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 151: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 152: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 153: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 154: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 155: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 156: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 157: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 158: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 166: Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Item 169: Administration of justice at the United Nations

Item 175: Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

56/411. Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[31] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda".

56/412. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[31] recalling its resolution 55/33 W of 20 November 2000, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia".

56/413. United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2001, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 115 to 7, with 37 abstentions,[32] and on the recommendation of the First Committee,[31] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament".

56/414. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee:[33]

(*a*) Requested the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depositary Governments of the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and ToxinWeapons and on Their Destruction, to provide such services as might be required for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Review Conferences as well as the decisions contained in the final report of the Special Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, held from 19 to 30 September 1994,[34] and to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as might be required for the holding of the Fifth Review Conference at Geneva from 19 November to 7 December 2001;

(*b*) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction"

56/415. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2001, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 161 to 1, with no

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[31] A/56/536, para. 74.

[32] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: France, Germany, Israel, Monaco, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, Yugoslavia.

[33] A/56/543, para. 8.

[34] BWC/SPCONF/1.

abstentions,[35] and noting the holding of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty in New York from 11 to 13 November 2001, decided, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[36] to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty".

56/416. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[37]

56/417. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[38] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

56/418. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 10 December 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[39]

56/419. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 10 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[12] decided to increase the number of members of the Committee on Information from ninety-six to ninety-eight.[40]

56/420. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 10 December 2001, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 92 to 51, with no abstentions,[41] and on the recommendation of the Special

[35] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: None.

[36] A/56/544, para. 8.

[37] A/56/545.

[38] A/56/546, para. 7.

[39] A/56/551.

[40] See decision 56/318 and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/56/21), chap. I, para.14.

[41] *In favour*: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: None.

Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[42] adopted the following text:

"1. The General Assembly, having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to an item on the agenda of the Special Committee entitled 'Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration',[43] and recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to military activities in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, reaffirms its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those Territories of their right to self-determination, and reiterates its strong views that existing bases and installations, which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, should be withdrawn.

"2. Aware of the presence of such bases and installations in some of those Territories, the General Assembly urges the administering Powers concerned to continue to take all necessary measures not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States.

"3. The General Assembly reiterates its concern that military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration might run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples concerned, especially their right to self-determination and independence. The Assembly once again calls upon the administering Powers concerned to terminate such activities and to eliminate such military bases in compliance with its relevant resolutions. Alternative sources of livelihood for the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories should be provided.

"4. The General Assembly reiterates that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

"5. The General Assembly deplores the continued alienation of land in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in the small island Territories of the Pacific and Caribbean regions, for military installations. The large-scale utilization of the local resources for this purpose could adversely affect the economic development of the Territories concerned.

"6. The General Assembly takes note of the decision of some of the administering Powers to close or downsize some of those military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

"7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

"8. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session."

56/421. Question of Gibraltar

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 10 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[44] adopted the following text:

"The General Assembly, recalling its decision 55/427 of 8 December 2000, and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984[45] stipulated, inter alia, the following:

> 'The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution',

takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hold annual meetings alternately in each capital, the most

[42] A/56/554, para. 10.

[43] A/56/23 (Part II), chap. VI. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 23.*

[44] A/56/557, para. 21.

[45] A/39/732, annex.

recent of which was held in London on 26 July 2001, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations."

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

56/435. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[46]

56/436. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[47]

56/437. Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/172

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[48] took note of the note by the Secretary-General, entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system", transmitting the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/172, including the recommendations of the seventh Inter-Agency Round Table on Communication for Development.[49]

56/438. Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the high-level dialogue on the theme "Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century"

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[50] took note of the summary by the President of the General Assembly of the high-level dialogue on the theme "Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century".[51]

56/439. Environment and sustainable development

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[52]

56/440. Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[53] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment.[54]

56/441. Documents relating to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[55] took note of the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Sustainable Development on its organizational session.[56]

56/442. Report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[57] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[58]

56/443. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[59] and recalling its resolution 37/248 of

[46] A/56/558.
[47] A/56/560.
[48] A/56/560/Add.5, para. 3.
[49] A/56/221.
[50] A/56/560/Add.3, para. 8.
[51] A/56/482.
[52] A/56/561.
[53] A/56/561/Add.8, para. 13.
[54] A/56/115-E/2001/92 and Corr.1.
[55] A/56/561/Add.1, para. 11.
[56] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/56/19).
[57] A/56/562, para. 6.
[58] A/56/174.
[59] A/56/562/Add.2, para.12.

21 December 1982 and all other relevant General Assembly resolutions on the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community:

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community;[60]

(*b*) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", a sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community", and requested the Secretary-General to update the current report on this question and submit it to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

56/444. Documents relating to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[61] took note of the following documents relating to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries:

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the effectiveness of the functioning of the Unit for Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States;[62]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;[63]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on resources available to the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries for the biennium 2000–2001.[64]

56/445. Format of the International Conference on Financing for Development

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[65] decided that the format of the International Conference on Financing for Development would be as set out in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Format of the International Conference on Financing for Development

1. The Conference will be divided into three segments: a high-level official segment, a ministerial segment and a summit segment. The Conference will be composed of 7 plenary meetings and 12 interactive round tables. There will be five plenary meetings at the summit segment, one plenary meeting at the ministerial segment and one plenary meeting at the high-level official segment. The broad structure of each segment of the Conference will be as follows:

(*a*) The high-level official segment will consist of a plenary meeting on the morning of Monday, 18 March 2002. The Deputy Ministers of Finance, Trade and Foreign Affairs of the host country will jointly assume Co-Presidency of the high-level official segment, which will elect the General Committee of the Conference; consider the report by the Co-Chairpersons of its Preparatory Committee; adopt the "Monterrey Consensus" draft(s) for ministerial consideration; receive reports from other relevant processes; and hear statements by regional commissions and regional development banks;

(*b*) The ministerial segment will commence on the afternoon of Monday, 18 March, and take up the whole of Tuesday, 19 March and Wednesday, 20 March 2002. The Ministers of Finance, Trade and Foreign Affairs of the host country will assume Co-Presidency of the ministerial segment. The plenary meeting on Monday afternoon will adopt the "Monterrey Consensus" draft(s) for summit consideration; hear statements on behalf of intergovernmental economic, financial, monetary and trade bodies; hear statements by United Nations bodies; and receive the report(s) from the financing for development business forum(s) and the civil society forum(s) (for further information on these forums, see paras. 22 and 23 of the fourth report of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference[66]). On Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be eight multi-stakeholder round tables: each morning and afternoon two simultaneous multi-stakeholder round tables will be convened;

(*c*) The summit segment will commence on the morning of Thursday, 21 March 2002, and take up the remainder of the Conference until the close of business on Friday, 22 March 2002. On Thursday morning, there will be a plenary meeting that will begin with the assumption of the Presidency of the Conference by the head of State of the host country. The President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-

[60] A/56/134 and Add.1.

[61] A/56/569, para. 13.

[62] A/56/208.

[63] A/56/297 and Corr.1.

[64] A/56/434.

[65] A/56/570, para. 15.

[66] A/AC.257/29.

General and the heads of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization will be invited to make introductory statements. Statements by heads of delegations will start on Thursday morning and continue at plenary meetings on Thursday afternoon, Thursday evening, Friday morning and Friday afternoon. The list of speakers will be established by the drawing of lots, in accordance with the customary protocol that ensures that heads of State or Government speak first, followed by Ministers and other heads of delegation. On Friday morning and afternoon, there will also be two simultaneous multi-stakeholder round tables in each meeting. These will run concurrently with the plenary;

(*d*) After the completion of the statements by heads of delegations and round tables on the afternoon of Friday, 22 March, there will be a closing meeting at which the final document(s) will be adopted, followed by closing remarks by the head of State of the host country and the Secretary-General.

2. The theme of the summit round tables on Friday, 22 March, will be "International Conference on Financing for Development: looking ahead". The themes of the ministerial round-table meetings will be subject to further consultations and will be decided by the Committee at its fourth session, in January 2002.

3. Each round table will comprise a maximum of 70 seats, with the participation of Government delegations and those referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 below (48), representatives of the United Nations and of major and other institutional stakeholders (8), accredited civil society entities (7) and accredited business sector entities (7).

4. Each regional group will determine which of its members will participate in each round table, ensuring that equitable geographical distribution is maintained and allowing for the principle of precedence to be applied in the composition of the summit round tables. Each government delegation will participate in one round table on each of the three round-table days. For each round table, the maximum number of participants from each regional group will be as follows:

(*a*) African States: 14 Member States;

(*b*) Asian States: 14 Member States;

(*c*) Eastern European States: 6 Member States;

(*d*) Latin American and Caribbean States: 9 Member States;

(*e*) Western European and other States: 8 Member States.

5. Member States that are not members of any of the regional groups may participate in round tables. The Holy See and Switzerland, in their capacity as observer States, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, may also participate in round tables.

6. The Secretary-General and the heads of major institutional stakeholders and other relevant institutional stakeholders are invited, in consultation with Co-Chairpersons of the Bureau, to designate their representatives to the round tables at the appropriate senior level by 20 February 2002, allowing for some flexibility.

7. Organizers of the civil society forum(s) are invited, in consultation with the Co-Chairpersons of the Bureau and the financing for development coordinating secretariat, to make a selection among accredited civil society participants and to communicate the names of their representatives to round tables at the appropriate senior level by 20 February 2002, allowing for some flexibility.

8. Organizers of the business sector forum(s) are invited, in consultation with the Co-Chairpersons of the Bureau and the financing for development coordinating secretariat, to make a selection among accredited business sector participants and to communicate the names of their representatives to round tables at the appropriate senior level by 20 February 2002, allowing for some flexibility.

9. The four round tables at the summit level will be chaired by two Co-Chairpersons each, with five Co-Chairpersons representing the regional groups; the heads of the three major institutional stakeholders – the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization – will be invited as Co-Chairpersons. The eight ministerial round tables will be co-chaired by 10 ministers, representing the regional groups equally; the six heads of the other institutional stakeholders – the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Inter-American Development Bank – will be invited as Chairpersons.

10. Each participant at a round table may be accompanied by two advisers.

11. Accredited delegates and observers will be able to follow the proceedings of the round tables via closed-circuit television in the overflow room.

12. Summaries of deliberations of the round tables will be presented in written form by the Chairpersons of the round tables at the end of the Conference.

56/446. Provisional rules of procedure for the International Conference on Financing for Development

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[65] recommended for adoption by the International Conference on Financing for Development the provisional rules of procedure contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Provisional rules of procedure for the International Conference on Financing for Development

I. Representation and credentials

Composition of delegations
Rule 1

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Alternates and advisers
Rule 2

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

Submission of credentials
Rule 3

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference. The credentials shall be issued either by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Community, by the President of the European Commission.

Credentials Committee
Rule 4

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

Provisional participation in the Conference
Rule 5

Pending a decision of the Conference upon their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Conference.

II. Officers

Elections
Rule 6

The Conference shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, 23 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

General powers of the President
Rule 7

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Conference, declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussions, ensure the observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The President shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Conference the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times each representative may speak on a question, the adjournment or closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his/her functions, remains under the authority of the Conference.

Acting President
Rule 8

1. If the President is absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he/she shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to take his/her place.

2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Replacement of the President
Rule 9

If the President is unable to perform his/her functions, a new President shall be elected.

Voting rights of the President
Rule 10

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote in the Conference, but may appoint another member of his/her delegation to vote in his/her place.

III. General Committee

Composition
Rule 11

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General and the Chairman of the Main Committee shall constitute the General Committee. The President, or in his/her absence one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him/her, shall serve as Chairman of the General Committee. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee and other committees established by the Conference in accordance with rule 48 may participate, without the right to vote, in the General Committee.

Substitute members
Rule 12

If the President or a Vice-President of the Conference is to be absent during a meeting of the General Committee, he/she may designate a member of his/her delegation to sit and vote in the Committee. In case of absence, the Chairman of the Main Committee shall designate the Vice-Chairman of that Committee as his/her substitute. When serving on the General Committee, a Vice-Chairman of the Main Committee shall not have the right to vote if he/she is of the same delegation as another member of the General Committee.

Functions
Rule 13

The General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Conference and, subject to the decisions of the Conference, shall ensure the coordination of its work.

IV. Secretariat of the Conference

Duties of the Secretary-General
Rule 14

1. The Secretary-General or his/her designated representative shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Conference and its subsidiary organs.

2. The Secretary-General may designate a member of the secretariat to act in his/her place at these meetings.

3. The Secretary-General shall direct the staff required by the Conference.

Duties of the secretariat
Rule 15

The secretariat of the Conference shall, in accordance with these rules:

(*a*) Interpret speeches made at meetings;

(*b*) Receive, translate, reproduce and circulate the documents of the Conference;

(*c*) Publish and circulate the official documents of the Conference;

(*d*) Prepare and circulate records of public meetings;

(*e*) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings;

(*f*) Arrange for the custody and preservation of the documents of the Conference in the archives of the United Nations;

(*g*) Generally perform all other work that the Conference may require.

Statements by the secretariat
Rule 16

The Secretary-General, or any member of the secretariat designated for that purpose, may at any time make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

V. Opening of the Conference

Temporary President
Rule 17

The Secretary-General or, in his/her absence, any member of the secretariat designated by him/her for that purpose, shall open the first meeting of the Conference and preside until the Conference has elected its President.

Decisions concerning organization
Rule 18

The Conference shall, at its first meeting:

(*a*) Adopt its rules of procedure;

(*b*) Elect its officers and constitute its subsidiary organs;

(*c*) Adopt its agenda, the draft of which shall, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Conference;

(*d*) Decide on the organization of its work.

VI. Conduct of business

Quorum
Rule 19

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the representatives of the States participating in the Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Speeches
Rule 20

1. No representative may address the Conference without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 21, 22 and 25 to 27, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The secretariat shall be in charge of drawing up a list of speakers.

2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Conference and the President may call a speaker to order if his/her remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

3. The Conference may limit the time allowed to each speaker and the number of times each participant may speak on any question. Permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. In any event, with the consent of the Conference, the President shall limit each intervention on procedural matters to five minutes. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him/her to order without delay.

Points of order
Rule 21

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Precedence
Rule 22

The Chairman or Rapporteur of the Main Committee, or the representative of a subcommittee or working group, may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the body concerned.

Closing of the list of speakers
Rule 23

During the course of a debate, the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Conference, declare the list closed.

Right of reply
Rule 24

1. Notwithstanding rule 23, the President shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Conference or of the European Community who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply.

2. The statements made under this rule shall normally be made at the end of the last meeting of the day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the relevant item if that is sooner.

3. The representatives of a State or of the European Community may make no more than two statements under this rule at a given meeting on any item. The first shall be limited to five minutes and the second to three minutes; representatives shall in any event attempt to be as brief as possible.

Adjournment of debate
Rule 25

A representative of any State participating in the Conference may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour and two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Closure of debate
Rule 26

A representative of any State participating in the Conference may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his/her wish to speak. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting
Rule 27

Subject to rule 38, a representative of any State participating in the Conference may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Order of motions
Rule 28

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

(*a*) To suspend the meeting;

(*b*) To adjourn the meeting;

(*c*) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;

(*d*) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

Submission of proposals and substantive amendments
Rule 29

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General or his/her designated representative, who shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, substantive proposals shall be discussed or put to a decision no earlier than twenty-four hours after copies have been circulated in all languages of the Conference to all delegations. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, even though these amendments have not been circulated or have been circulated only the same day.

Withdrawal of proposals and motions
Rule 30

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before a decision on it has been taken, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Decisions on competence
Rule 31

Subject to rule 28, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Conference to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Reconsideration of proposals
Rule 32

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered unless the Conference, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded to only two speakers opposing reconsideration, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

VII. DECISION-MAKING

General agreement
Rule 33

The Conference shall make its best endeavours to ensure that the work of the Conference is accomplished by general agreement.

Voting rights
Rule 34

Each State participating in the Conference shall have one vote.

Majority required
Rule 35

1. Subject to rule 33, decisions of the Conference shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.

2. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, decisions of the Conference on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

3. If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, the President of the Conference shall rule on the question. An appeal against this ruling shall be put to the vote immediately, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"
Rule 36

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be regarded as not voting.

Method of voting
Rule 37

1. Except as provided in rule 44, the Conference shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Conference, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-calls, and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

2. When the Conference votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call. A representative may request a recorded vote, which shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, be taken without calling out the names of the States participating in the Conference.

3. The vote of each State participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in any record of or report on the meeting.

Conduct during voting
Rule 38

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting, except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.

Explanation of vote
Rule 39

Representatives may make brief statements, consisting solely of explanations of vote, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, unless it has been amended.

Division of proposals
Rule 40

A representative may move that parts of a proposal be decided on separately. If a representative objects, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing the division. If the motion is carried, those parts of the proposal that are subsequently approved shall be put to the Conference for decision as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Amendments
Rule 41

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be regarded as including amendments.

Order of voting on amendments
Rule 42

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Conference shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

Order of voting on proposals
Rule 43

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Conference decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Conference may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

2. Revised proposals shall be voted on in the order in which the original proposals were submitted, unless the revision substantially departs from the original proposal. In that case, the original proposal shall be regarded as withdrawn and the revised proposal shall be treated as a new proposal.

3. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall be put to the vote before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Elections

Rule 44

All elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Conference decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

Rule 45

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes, shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, in a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.

VIII. SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Main Committee
Rule 46

The Conference may establish a Main Committee as required, which may set up subcommittees or working groups.

Representation on the Main Committee
Rule 47

Each State participating in the Conference and the European Community may be represented by one representative on the Main Committee established by the Conference. It may assign to the Committee such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Other committees and working groups

Rule 48

1. In addition to the Main Committee referred to above, the Conference may establish such committees and working

groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

2. Each committee may set up subcommittees and working groups.

Rule 49

1. The members of the committees and working groups of the Conference, referred to in rule 48, paragraph 1, shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Conference, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

2. Members of the subcommittees and working groups of committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the committee in question, subject to the approval of that committee, unless the committee decides otherwise.

Officers
Rule 50

Except as otherwise provided in rule 6, each committee, subcommittee and working group shall elect its own officers.

Quorum
Rule 51

1. The Chairman of the Main Committee may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one quarter of the States participating in the Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

2. A majority of the representatives of the General or Credentials Committee or of any committee, subcommittee or working group shall constitute a quorum, provided that they are representatives of participating States.

Officers, conduct of business and voting
Rule 52

The rules contained in sections II, VI (except rule 19) and VII above shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of committees, subcommittees and working groups, except that:

(*a*) The Chairmen of the General and Credentials Committees and the Chairmen of the committees, subcommittees and working groups may exercise the right to vote, provided that they are representatives of participating States;

(*b*) Decisions of committees, subcommittees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal or an amendment shall require the majority established by rule 32.

IX. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS

Languages of the Conference
Rule 53

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Conference.

Interpretation
Rule 54

1. Speeches made in a language of the Conference shall be interpreted into the other such languages.

2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Conference if the delegation concerned provides for interpretation into one such language.

Languages of official documents
Rule 55

Official documents of the Conference shall be made available in the languages of the Conference.

Sound recordings of meetings
Rule 56

Sound recordings of meetings of the Conference and of the Main Committee shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference or the Main Committee, no such recordings shall be made of the meetings of any working group thereof.

X. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

General principles

Rule 57

The plenary meetings of the Conference and the meetings of any committee shall be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise. All decisions taken by the plenary of the Conference at a private meeting shall be announced at an early public meeting of the plenary.

Rule 58

As a general rule, meetings of the General Committee, subcommittees or working groups shall be held in private.

Communiqués on private meetings
Rule 59

At the close of a private meeting, the presiding officer of the organ concerned may issue a communiqué through the Secretary-General or his/her designated representative.

XI. Other participants and observers

Representatives of entities, intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices
Rule 60

Representatives designated by entities, intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices have the right to participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

Representatives of the specialized agencies[67]
Rule 61

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations
Rule 62

Save where otherwise specifically provided with respect to the European Community in these rules of procedure, representatives designated by other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of interested United Nations organs
Rule 63

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations
Rule 64

Non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Conference may designate representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Conference and the Main Committee.

Representatives of business sector entities
Rule 65

Business sector entities accredited to participate in the Conference may designate representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Conference and the Main Committee.

Associate members of regional commissions
Rule 66

Representatives designated by associate members of regional commissions[68] may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

Written statements
Rule 67

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 60 to 66 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the language in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Conference, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization or business sector entity is related to the work of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence.

XII. Suspension and amendment of the rules of procedure

Method of suspension
Rule 68

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Conference provided that twenty-four hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

[67] For the purpose of these rules, the term "specialized agencies" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Trade Organization, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

[68] American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Niue, Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands.

Method of amendment
Rule 69

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Conference taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, after the General Committee has reported on the proposed amendment.

56/447. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[69] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Economic and Social Council;[70]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 on public administration and development[71] and related communications received from States;[72]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award.[73]

56/448. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2002–2003

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 21 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[69] in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approved the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2002–2003, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2002–2003[74]

2002

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[75]

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Report of the Secretary-General on his study of the possibility of periodically bringing together high-level policy makers responsible for public administration reform (General Assembly resolution 56/213, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 56/213, para. 5)[76]

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *International trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and on developments in the multilateral trading system (General Assembly resolution 56/178, para. 4)

(b) *Commodities*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United

[69] A/56/571, para. 24.

[70] A/56/3 and Add.1–4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

[71] A/56/127-E/2001/101.

[72] A/56/127/Add.1-E/2001/101/Add.1.

[73] A/56/459.

[74] The Second Committee, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, will hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[75] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2002.

[76] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 55/183)

(c) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)[76]

(d) *External debt crisis and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/184, para. 4)

(e) *International financial system and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/181, para. 4)

(f) *Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 56/180, paras. 21 and 22)

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 55/187)

(b) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the continuing implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/204 (General Assembly resolution 56/185, para. 2)

(c) *Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such funds to the countries of origin*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/186, paras. 6 and 7)

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 50/130)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (General Assembly resolution 55/189)

(a) *Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on an overview of the challenges and constraints as well as progress made towards achieving the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 55/190 and General Assembly resolution 56/191, para. 3)

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 55/191)

(c) *Culture and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 55/192)

(d) *High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/190, para. 3)

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken in preparation for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003 (General Assembly resolution 55/196 and General Assembly resolution 56/192, para. 4)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session (General Assembly resolution 53/242)

(a) *Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its second session (Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35)

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 56/226, para. 17)

(b) *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (General Assembly resolution 56/194, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 56/195, para. 24)

(c) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 56/199, para. 10)

(d) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/196, para. 20)

(e) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (General Assembly resolution 56/197, paras. 13 and 14)

(f) *Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 55/203)

Report of the Secretary-General on further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (General Assembly resolution 56/198, paras. 11 and 12)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on options alternative to the current modality of the annual Pledging Conference (General Assembly resolution 56/201, sect. II, para. 26)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete measures for promoting and facilitating South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 56/202, para. 11)

Item 7. *Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006)*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a world solidarity fund for poverty eradication (General Assembly resolution 56/207, para. 39)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006) (General Assembly resolution 56/207, para. 40)

Item 8. *Training and research*

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII) and Assembly decision 52/450)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 55/206)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution 56/208, para. 12)

Item 9. *Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 55/211

Item 10. *Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/204, para. 5)

Item 11. *Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/21 and General Assembly resolution 56/211, paras. 2 and 3)[76]

Item 12. *High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (General Assembly resolution 56/210, para. 3)

Item 13. *Globalization and interdependence*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/209, para. 4)

Item 14. *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 56/205, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and functions of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 56/206, section III, para. 5)

Item 15. *Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/227, para. 10)

Item 16. *United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa*

Implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993–2002)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993–2002) (General Assembly resolution 56/187, paras. 14 and 15)

2003[77]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[78]

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *International trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures of political and economic coercion against developing countries (General Assembly resolution 56/179, para. 4)

(b) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 54/18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of new biotechnologies, addressing constraints to the adequate utilization of such technologies (General Assembly resolution 56/182, para. 10)

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)[76]

(c) *Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries*

Documentation

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested (General Assembly resolution 56/180, para. 23)

Item 3. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (General Assembly resolution 55/189)

(a) *Women in development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 54/210 and General Assembly resolution 56/188, para. 27)

(b) *Human resources development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 54/211, and General Assembly resolution 56/189, paras. 17 and 18)

(c) *International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development (General Assembly resolution 54/212 and General Assembly resolution 56/203, para. 9)

(d) *Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic*

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (General Assembly resolution 56/206, sect. I.A, para. 7)[76]

Item 4. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229)[76]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[76]

[77] The programme of work and documentation list for 2003 will be updated in 2002, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

[78] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2003.

(a) *Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its third session (Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35)

(b) *Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996–2005*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete action being taken for the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the effective implementation of, and mobilization of resources for, the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 (General Assembly resolution 56/200, paras. 13 and 14)

Item 5. *Operational activities for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[78]

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolutions 50/119, 52/205 and 54/226, and General Assembly resolution 56/202, para. 13)

Item 6. *Training and research*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work, activities and accomplishments of the United Nations System Staff College (General Assembly resolutions 55/207 and 55/278)

56/456. Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[69] recognizing the important functions entrusted to the Economic and Social Council in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[79] in which the General Assembly called, inter alia, for the further strengthening of the Council, building on its recent achievements, to help in fulfilling the role ascribed to it in the Charter, decided that the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council should be provided with the means to carry out its important functions, taking into account the different arrangements made for the principal organs of the United Nations listed in Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Charter.

5. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee

56/426. Arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[80] decided that:

(*a*) Representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to the Second World Assembly on Ageing might make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole;

(*b*) Given the available time, a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations might also make statements in the plenary of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, and that non-governmental organizations should be requested to (i) select their spokespersons and provide the list thereof to the President of the Second World Assembly who would present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to Member States in a timely manner for approval; and (ii) ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation and the diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(*c*) Side events of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, such as panels and round-table meetings, would be held in order to allow Member States, observers, accredited non-governmental organizations and representatives of research institutions and the private sector to engage in an interactive dialogue; and that the Chairperson of the side events might make a statement in the plenary, and might submit a

[79] See resolution 55/2.

[80] A/56/573, para. 18.

summary of the discussions to the President of the Second World Assembly for the widest possible dissemination;

(*d*) The arrangements set out above in no way create a precedent for any future World Assembly on Ageing.

56/427. Provisional rules of procedure for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[80] recommended for adoption by the Second World Assembly on Ageing the provisional rules of procedure contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Provisional rules of procedure for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

I. REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS

Composition of delegations
Rule 1

The delegation of each State participating in the Assembly shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Alternates and advisers
Rule 2

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

Submission of credentials
Rule 3

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat of the Assembly, if possible not less than one week before the opening of the Assembly. The credentials shall be issued either by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Credentials Committee
Rule 4

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Assembly. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Assembly without delay.

Provisional participation
Rule 5

Pending a decision of the Assembly on their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Assembly.

II. OFFICERS

Elections
Rule 6

The Assembly shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, 27 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the Bureau composed in accordance with rule 11. The Assembly may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

General powers of the President
Rule 7

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Assembly, declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussions, ensure the observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to a vote and announce decisions. The President shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Assembly the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times the representative of each participant in the Assembly may speak on a question, the adjournment or the closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his/her functions, remains under the authority of the Assembly.

Acting President
Rule 8

1. If the President is absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he/she shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to take his/her place.

2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Replacement of the President
Rule 9

If the President is unable to perform his/her functions, a new President shall be elected.

Voting rights of the President
Rule 10

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote, but shall appoint another member of his/her delegation to vote in his/her place.

III. BUREAU

Composition
Rule 11

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General and the Chairman of the Main Committee, shall constitute the Bureau. The President, or in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him/her, shall serve as Chairman of the Bureau. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee may participate, without the right to vote, in the Bureau.

Substitute members
Rule 12

If the President or a Vice-President is to be absent during a meeting of the Bureau, he/she may designate a member of his/her delegation to sit and vote in the Bureau. In case of absence, the Chairman of the Main Committee shall designate a Vice-Chairman of the Committee as his/her substitute. When serving on the Bureau, Vice-Chairmen of the Main Committee shall not have the right to vote if they are of the same delegation as another member of the Bureau.

Functions
Rule 13

The Bureau shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Assembly and shall ensure the coordination of its work.

IV. SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSEMBLY

Duties of the Secretary-General
Rule 14

The Secretary-General, or a member of the secretariat designated by him, shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies.

Duties of the secretariat
Rule 15

The secretariat of the Assembly shall, in accordance with these rules:

(*a*) Interpret speeches made at meetings;

(*b*) Receive, translate, reproduce and circulate the documents of the Assembly;

(*c*) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings of meetings;

(*d*) Publish and circulate the report and official records of the Assembly;

(*e*) Arrange for the custody of the documents and records of the Assembly in the archives of the United Nations;

(*f*) Generally perform all other work that the Assembly may require in connection with its proceedings.

Statements by the secretariat
Rule 16

The Secretary-General, or any member of the secretariat designated for that purpose, may at any time make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

V. OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY

Temporary President
Rule 17

At the opening of the first meeting of the Assembly, the Secretary-General or, in his absence, his representative, shall preside until the Assembly has elected its President.

Decisions concerning organization
Rule 18

The Assembly shall, at its first meeting:

(*a*) Adopt its rules of procedure;

(*b*) Elect its officers and constitute its subsidiary bodies;

(*c*) Adopt its agenda, the draft of which shall, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Assembly;

(*d*) Decide on the organization of its work.

VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Quorum Rule
Rule 19

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating in the Assembly are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of such States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Speeches Rule
Rule 20

1. No one may address the Assembly without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 21 and 22 and 24 to 28, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they draw lots.

2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Assembly and the President may call a speaker to order if his/her remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

3. The time allowed for speakers will be seven minutes. The Assembly may limit the number of times each participant may speak on any question. Permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be immediately put to a vote. In any event, with the consent of the Assembly, the President shall limit each intervention on procedural matters to five minutes. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him/her to order without delay.

Points of order
Rule 21

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to a vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Precedence
Rule 22

The Chairman or Rapporteur of the Main Committee or a representative designated by any other subsidiary body, may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the body.

Closing of the list of speakers
Rule 23

During the course of a debate, the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Assembly, declare the list closed.

Right of reply
Rule 24

1. Notwithstanding rule 23, the President shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Assembly who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply.

2. The statements made under this rule shall normally be made at the end of the last meeting of the day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the relevant item if that is sooner.

3. The representatives of a State may make no more than two statements under this rule at a given meeting on any item. The first shall be limited to five minutes and the second to three minutes; representatives shall in any event attempt to be as brief as possible.

Adjournment of debate
Rule 25

A representative of any State participating in the Assembly may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour and two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to a vote.

Closure of debate
Rule 26

A representative of any State participating in the Assembly may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his/her wish to speak. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to a vote.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting
Rule 27

Subject to rule 38, a representative of any State participating in the Assembly may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to a vote.

Order of motions
Rule 28

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

(*a*) To suspend the meeting;

(*b*) To adjourn the meeting;

(*c*) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;

(*d*) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

Submission of proposals and substantive amendments
Rule 29

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the secretariat of the Assembly, which shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Assembly decides otherwise, substantive proposals shall be discussed or put to a decision no earlier than twenty-four hours after copies

have been circulated in all languages of the Assembly to all delegations. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, even though these amendments have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

Withdrawal of proposals and motions
Rule 30

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before a decision on it has been taken, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Decisions on competence
Rule 31

Subject to rule 28, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Assembly to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to a vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Reconsideration of proposals
Rule 32

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered unless the Assembly, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded to only two speakers opposing reconsideration, after which the motion shall be immediately put to a vote.

VII. DECISION-MAKING

General agreement
Rule 33

The Assembly shall make its best endeavours to ensure that its work is accomplished by general agreement.

Voting rights
Rule 34

Each State participating in the Assembly shall have one vote.

Majority required
Rule 35

1. Subject to rule 33, decisions of the Assembly on all matters of substance shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.

2. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, decisions of the Assembly on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

3. If the question arises as to whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, the President of the Assembly shall rule on the question. An appeal against this ruling shall be put to a vote immediately, and the President's ruling shall stand unless it is overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"
Rule 36

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be regarded as not voting.

Method of voting
Rule 37

1. Except as provided in rule 44, the Assembly shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Assembly, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-calls and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

2. When the Assembly votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call. A representative may request a recorded vote, which shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, be taken without calling out the names of the States participating in the Assembly.

3. The vote of each State participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in any record of or report on the Assembly.

Conduct during voting
Rule 38

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.

Explanation of vote
Rule 39

Representatives may make brief statements, consisting solely of explanations of vote, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

Division of proposals
Rule 40

A representative may move that parts of a proposal be voted on separately. If a representative objects, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing the division. If the motion is carried, those parts of the proposal that are subsequently approved shall be put to the Assembly for decision as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Amendments
Rule 41

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be considered as including amendments.

Order of voting on amendments
Rule 42

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Assembly shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all the amendments have been put to a vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to a vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

Order of voting on proposals
Rule 43

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Assembly decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Assembly may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

2. Revised proposals shall be voted on in the order in which the original proposals were submitted, unless the revision substantially departs from the original proposal. In that case, the original proposal shall be considered as withdrawn and the revised proposal shall be treated as a new proposal.

3. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall be put to a vote before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Elections

Rule 44

All elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Assembly decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

Rule 45

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes, shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, in a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.

VIII. SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Main Committee
Rule 46

The Assembly may establish a Main Committee and other working groups, as needed, which may be set up in accordance with the practice of other United Nations conferences.

Representation on the Main Committee
Rule 47

Each State participating in the Assembly may be represented by one representative on the Main Committee. Each State may assign to the Committee such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Other subsidiary bodies
Rule 48

The Assembly and the Main Committee may establish such working groups as they deem necessary for the performance of their functions.

Officers
Rule 49

Except as provided in rule 6 or otherwise decided, each subsidiary body shall elect its own officers.

Procedures of subsidiary bodies
Rule 50

Unless otherwise decided by the Assembly, these rules apply, mutatis mutandis, to the subsidiary bodies, except that:

(*a*) A majority of the representatives on the Credentials Committee shall constitute a quorum;

(*b*) The Chairmen of the Main Committee or a working group may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one quarter of the States participating in the Assembly are present;

(*c*) The Chairmen of the Bureau, Credentials Committee and working groups may exercise the right to vote in those bodies;

(*d*) Decisions of committees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal shall require the majority established by rule 32.

IX. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS

Languages of the Assembly
Rule 51

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Assembly.

Interpretation
Rule 52

1. Speeches made in a language of the Assembly shall be interpreted into other such languages.

2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Assembly if he/she provides for interpretation into one such language.

Languages of official documents
Rule 53

Official documents of the Assembly shall be made available in the languages of the Assembly.

Sound recordings of meetings
Rule 54

Sound recordings of meetings of the Assembly and of the Main Committee shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided, no such recordings shall be made of the meetings of any working group.

X. OPEN AND CLOSED MEETINGS

General principles
Rule 55

1. The plenary meetings of the Assembly and the meetings of the Main Committee shall be open unless the body concerned decides otherwise. All decisions taken by the plenary of the Assembly at a closed meeting shall be announced at an early open meeting of the plenary.

2. As a general rule, meetings of other bodies of the Assembly shall be closed.

XI. OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly of the United Nations to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices
Rule 56

Representatives designated by intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly of the United Nations to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices have the right to participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group.

Associate members of regional commissions
Rule 57

Representatives designated by the associate members of regional commissions[81] may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee, the Hearing Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

Representatives of the specialized agencies[82]
Rule 58

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations
Rule 59

Representatives designated by interested intergovernmental organizations invited to the Assembly may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

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[81] American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Niue, Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands.

[82] For the purpose of these rules, the term "specialized agencies" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Trade Organization, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Representatives of interested United Nations organs
Rule 60

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Assembly, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations
Rule 61

1. Non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Assembly may designate representatives to sit as observers at open meetings of the Assembly and the Main Committee.

2. Representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Assembly can make statements in the Main Committee.

3. Given the availability of time, a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements in the plenary of the Assembly. Non-governmental organizations should be requested to select their spokespersons and provide the list thereof to the President of the Assembly who will present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to Member States in a timely manner for approval, and ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation and the diversity of non-governmental organizations.

Written statements
Rule 62

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 56 to 61 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the language in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Assembly, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Assembly and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Written statements shall not be issued at United Nations expense and shall not be issued as official documents.

XII. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Method of amendment
Rule 63

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Assembly taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, after the Bureau has reported on the proposed amendment.

Method of suspension
Rule 64

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Assembly, provided that twenty-four hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

56/428. Audit of the operations of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Albania

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[83] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the operations of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Albania.[84]

56/429. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[85] took note of the following documents:

Under sub-item 119 (*a*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;[86]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;[87]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[88]

Under sub-item 119 (*b*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development;[89]

[83] A/56/578, para. 19.
[84] A/56/128.
[85] A/56/583, para. 4.
[86] A/56/177.
[87] A/56/181.
[88] A/56/205.
[89] A/56/256.

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General on the human rights of persons with disabilities;[90]

Under sub-item 119 (*c*):

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Sierra Leone;[91]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in East Timor;[92]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967;[93]

(*d*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Burundi;[94]

Under sub-items 119 (*d*) and (*e*):

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[95]

56/430. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[96]

56/431. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[97]

56/432. Resumption of the work of the Third Committee

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[98] decided that the Third Committee should hold meetings in 2002, during the resumed fifty-sixth session of the Assembly, in order to consider agenda item 117, entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", the dates for which would be determined in consultation with the Secretariat, as soon as possible following the issuance of the report of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

56/433. Organization of the work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2002–2003

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[98] and pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approved the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2002–2003, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items under the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed fifteen minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

[90] A/56/263.

[91] A/56/281.

[92] A/56/337.

[93] A/56/440.

[94] A/56/479.

[95] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 36* and corrigendum and addendum (A/56/36 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

[96] A/56/583/Add.4.

[97] A/56/583/Add.5.

[98] A/56/584, para. 12.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that draft resolutions on the status of the treaties not be submitted separately but be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting proposals to the General Assembly, should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Item 3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family

Item 4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 6. International drug control

Item 7. Advancement of women

Item 8. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Item 9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 10. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 11. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 12. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination[99]

Item 13. Right of peoples to self-determination[99]

Item 14. Human rights questions:[100, 101]

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(*e*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon by the Assembly in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below:[102]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

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[99] Items 12 and 13 are to be discussed jointly; delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[100] Sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*) are to be discussed jointly.

[101] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) and two statements under sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

[102] References to "odd years" and "even years" refer to calendar years.

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly*

Item 3. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family*

Annual

United Nations Literacy Decade (2002) (General Assembly resolution 56/116, para. 11)

Biennial

World social situation (odd years) (General Assembly resolution 56/177, para. 14)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

United Nations Literacy Decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

International year of volunteers (2002)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 4. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Annual

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (2002)

Item 5. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (2002)

Combating the criminal misuse of information technologies (2003) (General Assembly resolution 56/121)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (2005)

Item 6. *International drug control*

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 7. *Advancement of women*

Annual

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

United Nations Development Fund for Women

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (2002)

Biennial

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (2002)

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (2002)

Item 8. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

Item 9. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (2003)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (2003) (General Assembly resolution 56/134)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 10. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children living and/or working on the streets; the girl child

Biennial

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 11. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 12. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993–2002)

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination) (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 13. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Item 14. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (even years)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (2002) (General Assembly resolution 56/151)

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Human rights and cultural diversity

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character

Right to food (General Assembly resolution 56/155)

Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (2002) (General Assembly resolution 56/168)

Subregional centre for human rights and democracy in central Africa (2002) (General Assembly resolution 56/230, para.4)

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (2002) (General Assembly resolution 55/100)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (even years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2003)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2002–2003

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Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 56/177)

Item 3. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up (General Assembly resolution 55/57)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 56/113)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on an international plan of action for the United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (General Assembly resolution 56/116, para. 11)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Quinquennial review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Item 4. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (General Assembly resolution 56/228, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the full range of tasks of the programme on ageing of the Division for Social Policy and Development (General Assembly resolution 56/228, para. 3)

Item 5. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (including recommendations regarding the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice) (General Assembly resolution 56/119, para. 6)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (General Assembly resolution 56/119, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (General Assembly resolution 56/122, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (General Assembly resolution 56/123, para. 21)

Item 6. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

[103] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (General Assembly resolution 48/112)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session (General Assembly resolution 56/124, sect. IV, para. 8)

Item 7. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (General Assembly resolution 55/66)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (General Assembly resolution 55/67)

Comprehensive report by the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 55/68)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124 and General Assembly resolution 56/229, para. 19)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (General Assembly resolution 56/125, para. 6)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 56/127, para. 11)

Item 8. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 50/203 and General Assembly resolution 56/132, para. 29)[103]

Item 9. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 52/104)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on the new international humanitarian order (General Assembly resolution 55/73)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 56/135, para. 31)

Item 10. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child, containing information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocols thereto (General Assembly resolution 56/138, para. 5 (*a*))

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict on the situation of children affected by armed conflict (General Assembly resolution 56/138, para. 5 (*b*))

Item 11. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade, including the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous People (General Assembly resolutions 55/80, para. 4 (c) and 56/140, para. 12)

Item 12. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolutions 2106 A (XX) and 55/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 55/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 55/81)

Item 13. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 56/141, para. 6)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries to undermine the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 56/232, para. 16)

Item 14. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/138 and General Assembly resolution 55/90, para. 27)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (General Assembly resolution 55/90, para. 28)

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex, article 24; and General Assembly resolution 56/143, para. 32)

Note of the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (General Assembly resolution 56/143, para. 32)

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the Victims of Torture (General Assembly resolution 56/143, para. 32)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 56/143, para. 31)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (General Assembly resolution 56/145, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (General Assembly resolution 260 A (III))

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 55/105)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (General Assembly resolution 55/103)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the rule of law (General Assembly resolution 55/99)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights concerning the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (General Assembly resolution 55/111)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (General Assembly resolution 56/148, para. 8)

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (General Assembly resolution 56/153, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (General Assembly resolution 56/156, para. 13)

Interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (General Assembly resolution 56/155, para. 16)

Interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (General Assembly resolution 56/157, para. 17)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (General Assembly resolution 56/165, para. 9)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (General Assembly resolution 56/167, para. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (General Assembly resolution 56/168, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (General Assembly resolution 56/170, para. 16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the subregional centre for human rights and democracy in central Africa (General Assembly resolution 56/230, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (General Assembly resolution 56/169, sect. VIII, para. 1)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (General Assembly resolution 56/163)

Human rights and extreme poverty (General Assembly resolution 55/106)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 56/149)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (General Assembly resolution 55/100)

Right to development (General Assembly resolution 56/150)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (2002) (General Assembly resolution 56/151)

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character (General Assembly resolution 56/152)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (General Assembly resolution 56/231, para. 27)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (General Assembly resolution 56/173, para. 5 (*a*))

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (General Assembly resolution 56/175)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (General Assembly resolution 56/174)

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (General Assembly resolution 56/171)

Question of human rights in Afghanistan (General Assembly resolution 56/176)

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[103]

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Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation, 2003[103]

[104] The programme of work and documentation for 2003 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2002.

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (General Assembly resolution 56/114, para. 8)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (General Assembly resolution 56/115, para. 16)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth (General Assembly resolution 56/117, paras. 11 and 22)

Item 3. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Item 4. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

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Item 5. *International drug control*

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Item 6. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[103]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (General Assembly resolution 56/131, para. 17)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (General Assembly resolution 56/129, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (General Assembly resolution 56/128, para. 5 (*b*))

Item 7. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 50/203 and General Assembly resolution 56/132, para. 29)[103]

Item 8. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (General Assembly resolution 56/134, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (General Assembly resolution 56/136, para. 12)

Item 9. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Item 10. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade (General Assembly resolution 55/80, para. 4 (*c*))

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous People

Item 11. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination) (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)

Item 12. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Item 13. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 56/144, para. 29)

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex, article 24)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 56/158)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (General Assembly resolution 56/159, para. 13)

56/434. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[98] took note of chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C and I) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[105]

[105] A/56/3 and Add.1–4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

56/457. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2002–2003

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[106] and in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approved the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2002–2003, annexed to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2002–2003

A. Programme of work for 2002

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2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003
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5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
6. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
7. Pattern of conferences
8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
9. Human resources management
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12. United Nations pension system
13. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
14. Administration of justice at the United Nations
15. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

[106] A/56/734, para. 7.

16. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
17. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
18. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
19. Report of the Economic and Social Council
20. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

B. Programme of work for 2003

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003
4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005
5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
6. Joint Inspection Unit
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8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
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10. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
11. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
12. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
13. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
14. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
15. Report of the Economic and Social Council
16. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

56/458. Action taken on certain items

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[106] decided that the Fifth Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items at the resumed fifty-sixth session of the Assembly:

Item 120: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 121: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 122: Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

Item 123: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

Item 124: Pattern of conferences

Item 126: Human resources management

Item 129: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 130: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 131: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 132: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 133: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(*a*) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

(*b*) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Item 137: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 139: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

(*a*) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

(*b*) Other activities

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 142: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 143: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 144: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 145: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 146: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 147: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 148: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 149: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 150: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 151: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 152: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 153: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 154: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 155: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 156: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 157: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 158: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 169: Administration of justice at the United Nations.

56/459. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Operations in Albania

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[107] took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Operations in Albania,[108] and looked forward to the full and expeditious implementation of the recommendations contained in the report within the context of the annual report of the Office at its fifty-seventh session.

56/460. Use of consultants in the United Nations

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[109] having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the use of consultants in the United Nations[110] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,[111] and having recalled its resolutions 55/232 of 23 December 2000, 55/247 of 12 April 2001 and 55/258 of 14 June 2001:

(*a*) Endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the report on its forty-first session[112] and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in the relevant section of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;[113]

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present decision to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

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[107] A/56/727, para. 6.

[108] See A/56/128.

[109] A/56/654, para. 10.

[110] See A/55/59.

[111] See A/55/59/Add.1.

[112] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/56/16), paras. 451–455.

[113] Ibid., *Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. I, paras. 118–122.

56/461. Delegation of authority

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[109] requested the Secretary-General, in the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit on the delegation of authority for management of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat,[114] as endorsed by the General Assembly in its decision 55/481 of 14 June 2001, to take fully into account the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in the relevant section of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003.[115]

56/462. Young professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[109] having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Young professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention",[116] the related observations[117] of the Administrative Committee on Coordination[118] thereon and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in the relevant section of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003,[119] requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the question of young professionals in the context of his report on human resources management to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report.[119]

56/463. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 24 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[120] took note of chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[121]

7. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee*

56/422. Enlargement of the membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 12 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[122] decided to defer further consideration of and a decision on the enlargement of the membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law until its fifty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session".

56/423. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 12 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[123] decided to defer further consideration of and a decision on the request for observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance[124] in the General Assembly until its fifty-seventh session.

56/424. Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 12 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[125] decided to defer further consideration of and a decision on the request for observer status for Partners in Population and Development[126] in the General Assembly until its fifty-seventh session.

56/425. Observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 12 December 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[127] decided to defer further consideration of and a decision on the request for observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union[128] in the General Assembly until its fifty-seventh session.

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[114] See A/55/857.

[115] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. I, para. 123.

[116] See A/55/798.

[117] See A/55/798/Add.1.

[118] The Administrative Committee on Coordination was renamed the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321 of 24 October 2001.

[119] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. I, paras. 116 and 117.

[120] A/56/676, para. 4.

[121] A/56/3 and Add.1–4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

[122] A/56/588, para. 16.

[123] A/56/595, para. 7.

[124] A/55/226.

[125] A/56/600, para. 8.

[126] A/55/241.

[127] A/56/646, para. 7.

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